

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, July 3, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner, Members Owens, Harding, O'Connor and Nuckolls

Members Absent: Member Rackauskas

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman Renner presented the June 5, 2006 minutes to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2006 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner presented the Adult Detention Facility Population Report for May, 2006, as submitted by Sheriff Dave Owens. Chairman Renner advised that he had spoken to Sheriff Owens who indicated he was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Renner asked if there were any comments or questions on the report. The Committee members had no questions on the report.

Chairman Renner presented the May, 2006 Monthly Report as submitted by Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner. Committee members commented on the accuracy and concise reports from Ms. Kimmerling.

Chairman Renner presented the 911 Status Reports for May, 2006, as submitted by Mr. Bill Gamblin, 911 Administrator. Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender, presented a request for approval of a contract for a Special Public Defender with Christopher Gramm, Attorney at Law. She explained that, currently, one contract position has been handled by two attorneys. Ms. Davis stated that Mr. Gramm will take over this full-time position.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to Recommend Approval
of a Contract for a Special Public Defender with
Christopher Gramm, Attorney at Law.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any comments or questions on the Public Defender's Monthly Caseload Report. There were none.

Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval to apply for a \$5,000.00 grant through the Illinois Department of Human Services. She reminded the Committee that on May 16, 2006, the Board approved an application for a \$5,000.00 grant to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Performance Based Standards project at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. The application made to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority was deemed not eligible under their guidelines. Ms. Castleman stated that she then submitted an application to the Illinois Department of Human Services/Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, which is supportive of the project. She noted that there is no match requirement for the County.

Mr. Bob Nuckolls joined the meeting at 5:10. He announced that he would not vote on the request as he was not present for the discussion.

Motion by Owens/Harding to Recommend Approval to
apply for a \$5,000.00 Grant through the Illinois
Department of Human Services to fund the
Performance Based Standards project at the Juvenile
Detention Center.
Motion carried.

Ms. Castleman presented a request for approval of a Contract with Livingston County for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She noted that, in January, Livingston County entered into a 400 detention day contract at the Juvenile Detention Center. They have used all 400 days and are now requesting a 200 detention day contract under the same terms.

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Ms. O'Connor asked if the \$80.00 per day charge is sufficient to allow the Juvenile Detention Center to receive some revenue. Ms. Castleman replied that the Juvenile Detention Center is making significant revenue on these contracts.

Ms. O'Connor asked how long the \$80.00 rate has been in effect. Ms. Castleman replied that the rate has been \$80.00 for the last two years. She noted that this rate is a special rate for Counties within the 11th Judicial Circuit. Ms. Castleman agreed to prepare a report on the revenue received from the contracts and the cost per day for a bed at the Juvenile Detention Center. She noted that contracts with Counties outside of the 11th Judicial Circuit are \$110.00 per day.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to Recommend Approval
of a Contract with Livingston County for Lease of Bed
Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention
Center.
Motion carried.

Ms. Castleman presented a request for approval of a Contract with Logan County for Lease of Bed Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She stated that Logan County is requesting an additional 300 days.

Mr. Owens asked if some of these Counties use facilities in other Counties as well. Ms. Castleman replied that the contracts are exclusive.

Mr. Nuckolls asked what would be their alternative location should McLean County be out of space. Ms. Castleman advised that Peoria County has available space. She noted that this past month McLean County was full and some youth were moved to Peoria until space became available.

Ms. Harding asked who pays Peoria if youth from other Counties are moved to Peoria when the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center is full. Ms. Castleman responded that the other Counties pay Peoria.

Motion by Harding/O'Connor to Recommend Approval
of a Contract with Logan County for Lease of Bed
Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention
Center.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if the Committee had any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Castleman for attending.

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Chairman Renner presented the Six-month Statistical and Progress Report for the Jury Commission as submitted by Ms. Cindy Brand, Jury Commission. He asked if there were any questions or comments on the report. There were none.

Chairman Renner presented the Monthly Caseload Report and the Asset Forfeiture Fund Report as submitted by Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney. Chairman Renner noted that Mr. Yoder had informed him that he would not be available to attend the Meeting. Chairman Renner asked if there were any comments or questions on the reports. There were none.

Chairman Renner presented the Monthly Statistical Report for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and the CASA Report as submitted by Ms. Billie Larkin, Director, Children's Advocacy Center. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Renner presented the April, 2006 Monthly Statistical Report as submitted by Ms. Sandy Parker, Circuit Clerk. Chairman Renner asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Chairman Renner asked that the August Justice Committee Meeting be moved to Monday, August 14 to accommodate members of the Committee who will be attending the NACo Conference in Chicago. The Committee members concurred that the meeting be moved to August 14.

Ms. O'Connor asked when the Transportation Meeting will be held. Mr. Zeunik replied that it will be held on Tuesday, August 1st. Mr. Zeunik stated that the Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 22nd.

Chairman Renner presented the June 30, 2006 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a pending total of \$1,144,612.21 with a prepaid total that is the same.

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Motion by Nuckolls/Owens to recommend approval of
the Justice Committee bills as of June 30, 2006.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary